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Examiner:

J. Parkin

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For:

RETROVIRAL NUCLEIC MATERIAL AND NUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS, IN PARTICULAR ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND/OR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, FOR DIAGNOSTIC, PROPHYLACTIC AND

MAIL STOP RCE

THERAPEUTIC USES

LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR **CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the submission filed March 24, 2004.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Please suspend action on this application for three months under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c).

Attached hereto is our check no. 155464 in the amount of \(\simeg \) \$900.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) and (i). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461

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